PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am now trying to catch up to my usual routine after attending GASS, the Great American Stamp Show. The show was certainly a lot of fun. It was wonderful to see people again and share our love of philately. Covid still has people hesitant to venture out and attend shows. They were certainly missed, but better cautious than sick. The ATA booth remained quite busy throughout the show, with a number of new members. The dealer booths likewise remained active for most of the days. I know I added to their success! The Biology Study Unit meeting was lightly attended. I was hoping to see more people, but Covid again kept many members at home. Hopefully next year's meeting in Sacramento will be covid-fear free.

When I returned home, I unpacked the car, checked on my fish, and then the garden. All the fish were fine and I found my Neolamprologus brichardi had spawned again. Outside, the garden had changed. More weeds to get rid of and a lot of deadheading this weekend. On close inspection I was excited to discover a Monarch butterfly caterpillar on my milkweed plant! They are beautiful. I now see five hummingbirds fighting over the same feeder now, when I left there were only three. Someone is chewing off the stems of a multitude of my flowers. I don't think that bunny is so cute anymore! And now there is a mole coming over from next door's yard, I can't win.

Enjoy this issue and stay safe.

Laurie

SECRETARY'S CORNER

ELECTIONS

Ten ballots were returned. All the officers were re-elected unanimously.

New members

Please welcome Tan Heok-Tui #1911 of Singapore and Jamie Corn #1912 of New York